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# Periods and Other End Marks

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The three end marks are the period, question mark, and exclamation point. They are used to indicate the end of a sentence.

**Periods** Use a period at the end of a **declarative sentence**. A declarative sentence makes a statement.

Last year we vacationed in Wisconsin.

Use a period at the end of almost every **imperative sentence**. An imperative sentence gives a command. If a command expresses excitement or emotion, it ends with an exclamation point.

Tell me about your trip. Don't leave out a thing!

Use a period at the end of an **indirect question**. An indirect question reports what a person asked without using the person's exact words.

Thomas asked what happened.

Use a period after an **abbreviation** or an **initial**, as in this example: Mr. Nelson R. Diaz.

Use a period after each number and letter in an **outline** or **list**.

**Question marks** Use a question mark to end an **interrogative sentence**, or question.

Where did you go in Wisconsin?

**Exclamation points** Use an exclamation point to end an **exclamatory sentence**, that is, a sentence that expresses strong feeling. Use an exclamation point after an **interjection** that expresses strong emotions.

No kidding! I don't know where to begin!

## Using Periods and Other End Marks

Add punctuation as necessary in the following items.

1. Have you ever been in the Midwest
2. My mother grew up on a farm
3. She said there were more cows than people in her county
4. What a learning experience farm life must have been
5. My father, on the other hand, is from Washington, DC
6. Good grief I can't imagine what they found in common
7. The Midwest has always been a major food supplier to the rest of the nation
8. I Cereal crops
  - A Wheat (focus on Minn, Neb, SD)
  - B Corn (focus on Wisc, Ia, Ill, Ind)
- II Meat products
  - A Beef
  - B Pork

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Add punctuation marks where necessary in the following items.

1. My mother asked me if I had ever seen an egret before
2. It was right there in front of me Beautiful
3. What else did you see on your walk
4. Ice fishing is a popular winter activity in Wisconsin
5. Dr Harmon said he liked to get out around 6 AM
6. I asked if I could go fishing sometime
7. Can you come back in the winter
8. Was F Scott Fitzgerald from Wisconsin
9. I wonder who settled Wisconsin
10. Tell me about the Swedes
11. I Wisconsin geography
  - A Agricultural lands
  - B The Dells
  - C Forest lands
  - D Lakes and rivers
12. Look There are bears in those bushes

**B. Using End Marks in Writing**

Add the correct end mark at the end of each sentence in the following paragraph.

The Midwest is an important region in economic terms\_\_ But how does it rank as a vacationland\_\_ We went to Wisconsin to visit relatives\_\_ I didn't expect to see much more than the relatives themselves\_\_ How wrong I was\_\_ We spent some time in the Dells\_\_ Wow\_\_ What a ride we had on the river\_\_ Baraboo gave me another surprise\_\_ Who would expect circus history there\_\_ We saw the zoo at Milwaukee, historic sites around the state, and the most peaceful scenery you could imagine\_\_ I can't remember being bored during the whole two weeks we were there\_\_ For me, that's unusual\_\_ I'm not saying I want to go there every year\_\_ How many people go back to any place two years in a row\_\_ But ask me again in a couple of years if I'd like to visit Wisconsin\_\_ Then set a date\_\_

**Periods and Other End Marks*****Application*****A. Using End Marks in Writing**

Add periods, question marks, and exclamation points where necessary in the following paragraph. To add a period, insert this symbol ⓪. To add a question mark or an exclamation point, use a caret ^ and write the correct punctuation mark above it.

I've never been a bird-watcher I've never understood people who go out and do it as an organized activity. What's the point At least, that's how I used to feel But on my vacation last summer in Wisconsin, I took an early-morning walk one day In the half-light of dawn, in the mist along the Fox River, I saw an egret And it saw me We stood and looked at each other, and it seemed to accept me as part of the scene, nothing to fear Incredible The experience changed my attitude toward bird watching Now I go out whenever I can, hoping to run into an egret again

**B. Using End Marks in an Outline**

Write an outline for a brief composition on a vacation you have taken, or one you would like to take, somewhere within the United States. List at least three things you plan to see (or saw) on the vacation. Then list three difficulties or possible problems that you would prepare for, such as unpredictable weather. Be sure to punctuate correctly.

Title:

**I Things to see**

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

**II Difficulties to prepare for**

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_